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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Approval for Coastal Taiwan Straits Idealist Mission**

1. The undersigned contacted Mr. Walt Elder this date to confirm that the Taiwan Strait mission approved by the special group on 30 July to be flown in "late August" could be launched on or after 20 August. Mr. Elder confirmed that this was his understanding; however, he requested that should we go on an Alert for a 20 August mission that he be so notified by OSA in order that he could advise the director of the planned flight.

2. Since the Alert for 20 August will occur on Sunday, it is requested that Operations Division provide proper notification to Mr. Elder.

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Executive Officer, OSA

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